Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have already referred to that article. The question is whether the already existing schools in the neighbourhood or locality are sufficient to serve the educational needs of the locality.

Aided Schools—Departmental action against the recommendations of the Managers.

73. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

are the Government aware that strict maintenance of discipline among the staff in aided schools has become almost impossible inasmuch as the Department often acts against the recommendations of the Managers?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No such contingency has arisen. If the Department has at any time to act against the recommendations of Managers of aided schools it does so in the interests of the institutions and never with the intention of simply going against their recommendations.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Which is the deciding authority in such cases?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The deciding authority in the first instance is the Director and in the next instance the Diwan.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is the interest referred to the interests of the institution under management?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—The Manager knows more about the institution than the Director.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That is a presumption which Government cannot accept.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Are there instances where the managers' recommendations were over-ruled by the Director?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—If such things take place will not the discipline of the school be affected?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I do not think. It will not affect anything more than between the Diwan and a subordinate officer. The existence of the Diwan does not affect the existence of subordinate officers. They are a heirarchy.

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